

Kendrick Park

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Sometime in the near future, a private trust established in 1930 by George and Jenny Kendrick will transfer about 3 acres of land in the north end of downtown Amherst, Massachusetts to the Town of Amherst for development as a public park. What follows is a series of historical maps tracing about 270 years of change on that site.

THIRD DIVISION OF HADLEY
(Amherst)
1730

North

mill River

First Division Contains
59 Lots

Second Division
37 Lots

Third Division
94 Lots

mill River
over plus Land, not laid out

First Division 240 rods
in length
Laid out in April 1703

Second Division
240 rods in length
Thomas Lukens
Land North Area 201 1/4
Breadth 134 rods 73 feet

Third Division to the Court Boundary

Matthews Childs
James 73 1/2 acres
Area 73 1/4 + 35 rods
Breadth 62 rods 4 feet
over plus Land

40 rod High Way removed
North of Moses Cooke by a
pole 1/4 mile long
and now limited to 40 rods

Moses Cooke 67 acres 1/4
of 10 pole
Breadth 44 rods 7 1/2 feet

Highway thro the Division
24 rods wide & probably
left above 20 rods being in
a swampy ground

Sam Cooke 65 acres 1/2
and 20 pole
Breadth 44 rods 7 feet

Westwood Cooke 110 acres
of 35 pole
Breadth 73 rods 7 1/2 feet

Thomas Honey 73 acres
1/4 and 20 pole
Breadth 40 rods 7 1/2 feet

Arion Cooke 87 1/2 acres
59 acres of 20 pole
in Breadth 39 rods 7 1/2 feet

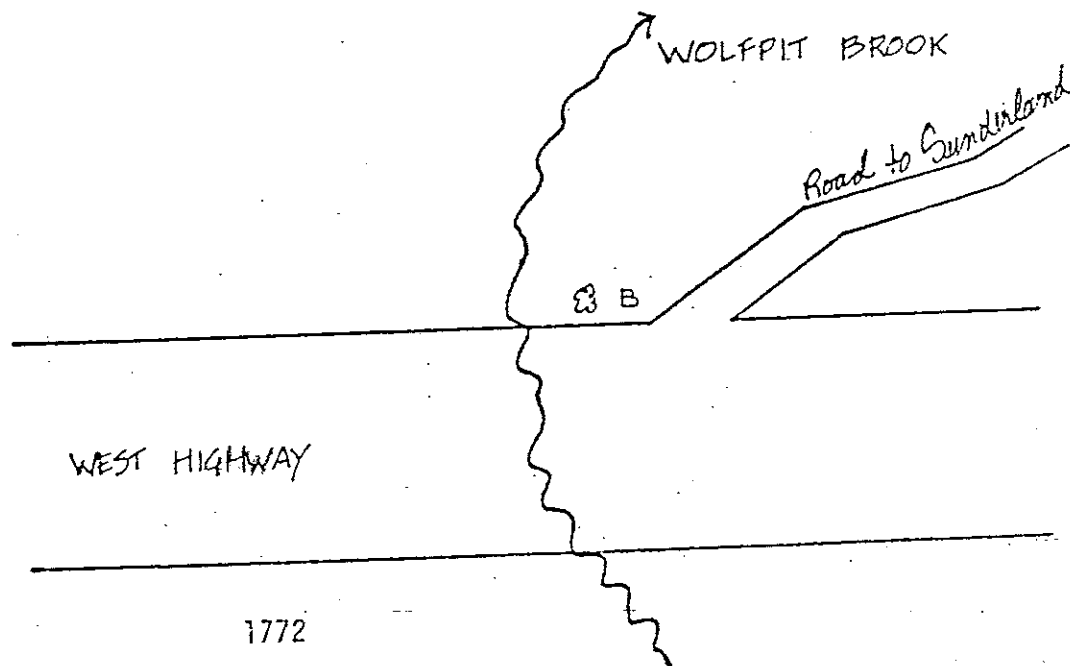
John Goodmans lot now Smiths
25 acres 1/4 of 10 pole
in Breadth 67 rods 7 1/2 feet

to road 1/2 mile
South

to road 1/2 mile

40 rod High Way or Mill between the first & second Division

40 rod High Way or Mill between the second & third Division

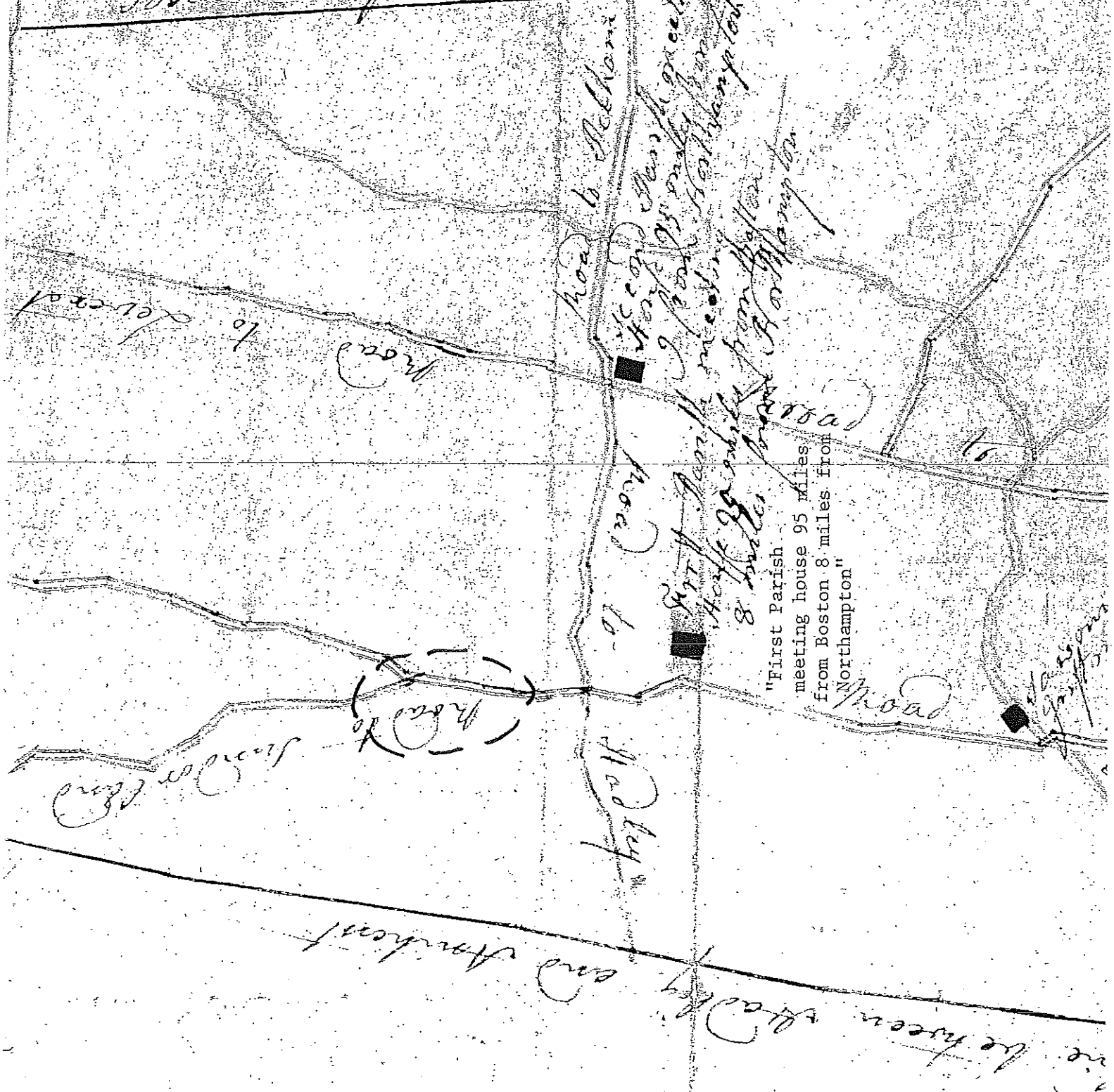


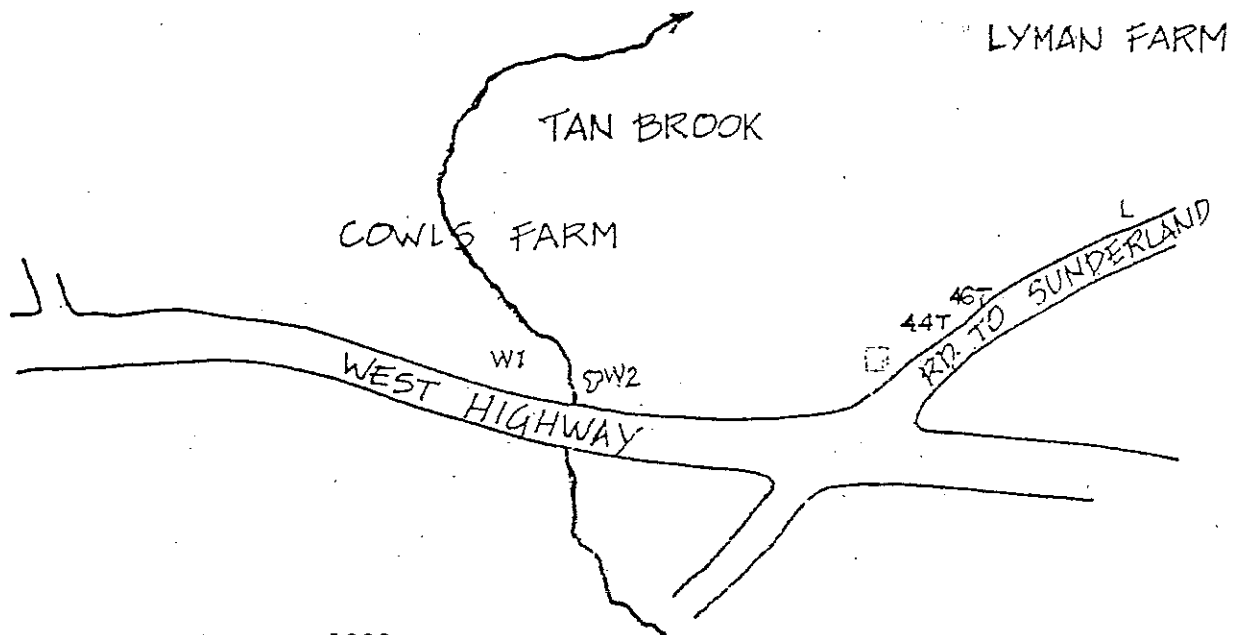
B Moses Bascom (Cook)

Elm Tree

NORTH →

South 8° East 12 40 700





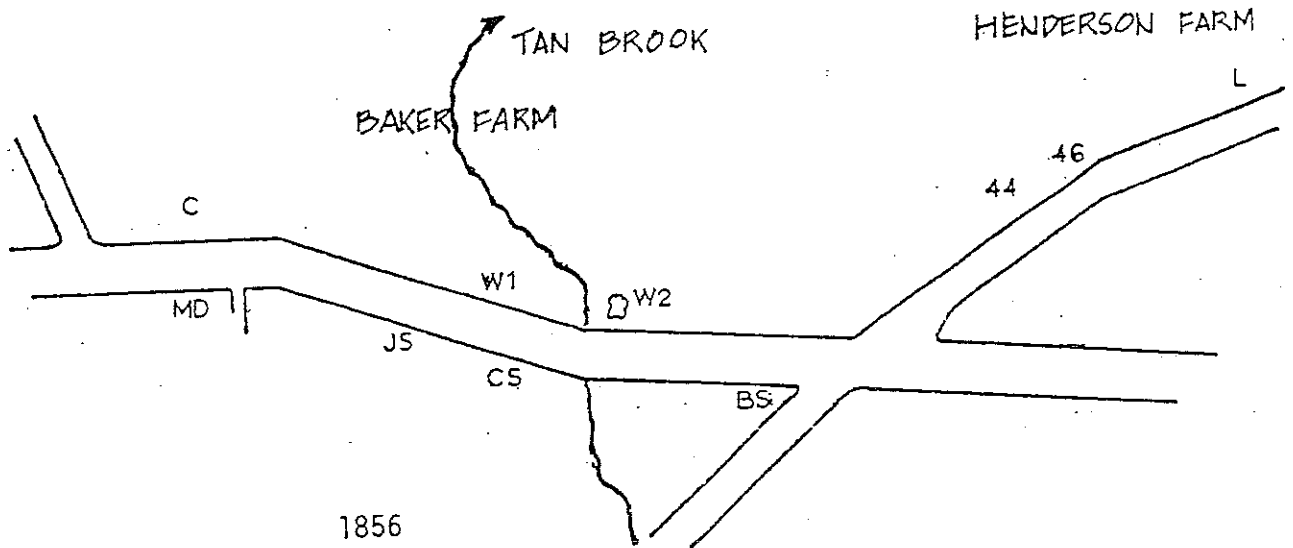
1833

W1	E. Whiting
W2	A. P. Howe
⊙	Elm Tree
44T	F. Holmes
46T	S. Smith
L	I. Lyman

NORTH →

AMHERST
1833

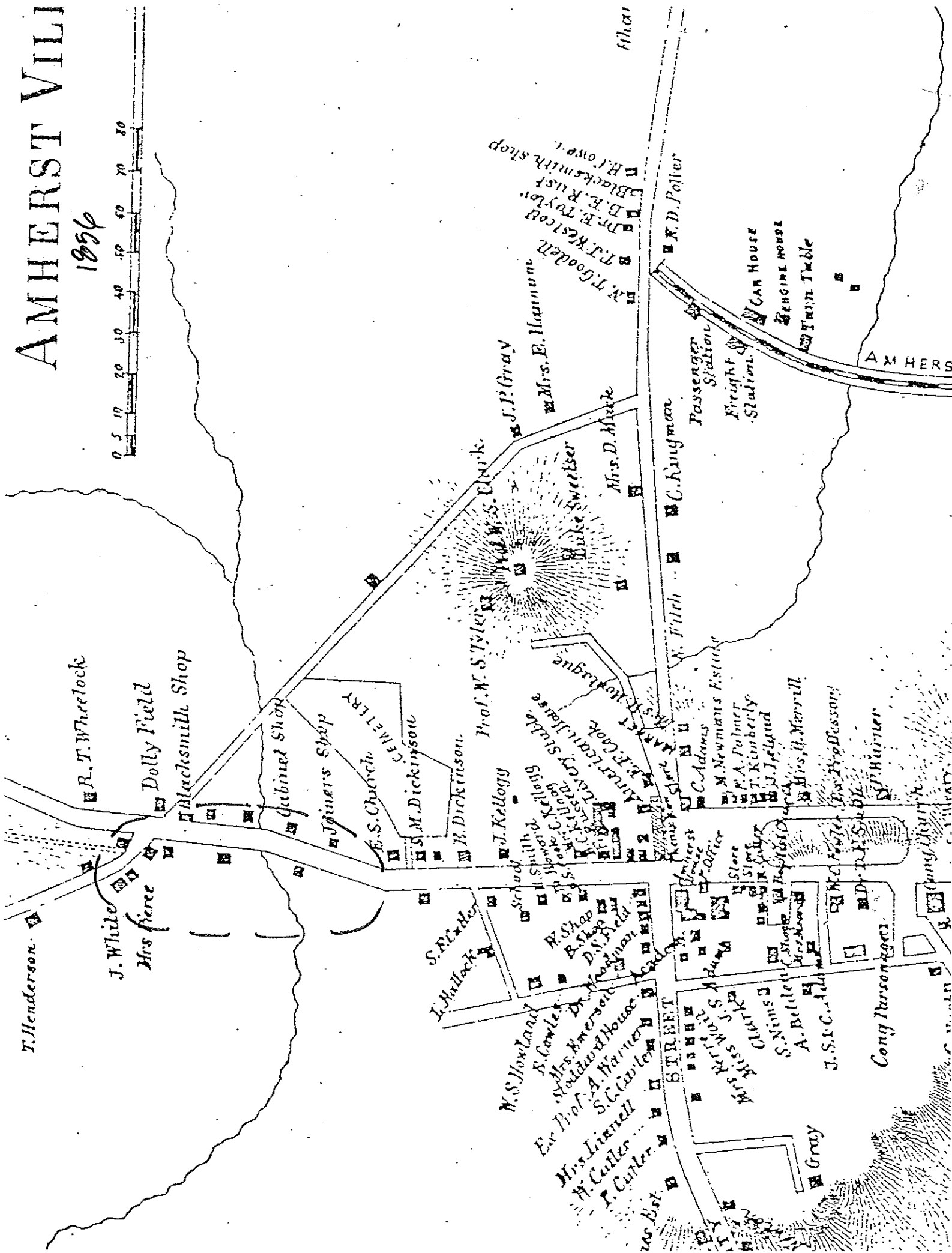
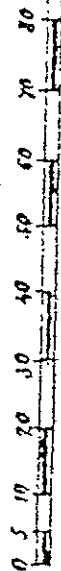
Gardner
T. Lyman
S. Smith
P. Holmes
A. Cowle
Howe
Ernes
C. F. Felt
Rice
Past Office
Dickinson
Montague
J. S. Adams
Pittkins
Merrill
Warner
Bottwood
Prof. Fiske
Prof. Hitchcock
Baker
Prof. Snell
Dickinson
Higgin
Thom
Green
Bottwood
Bottwood

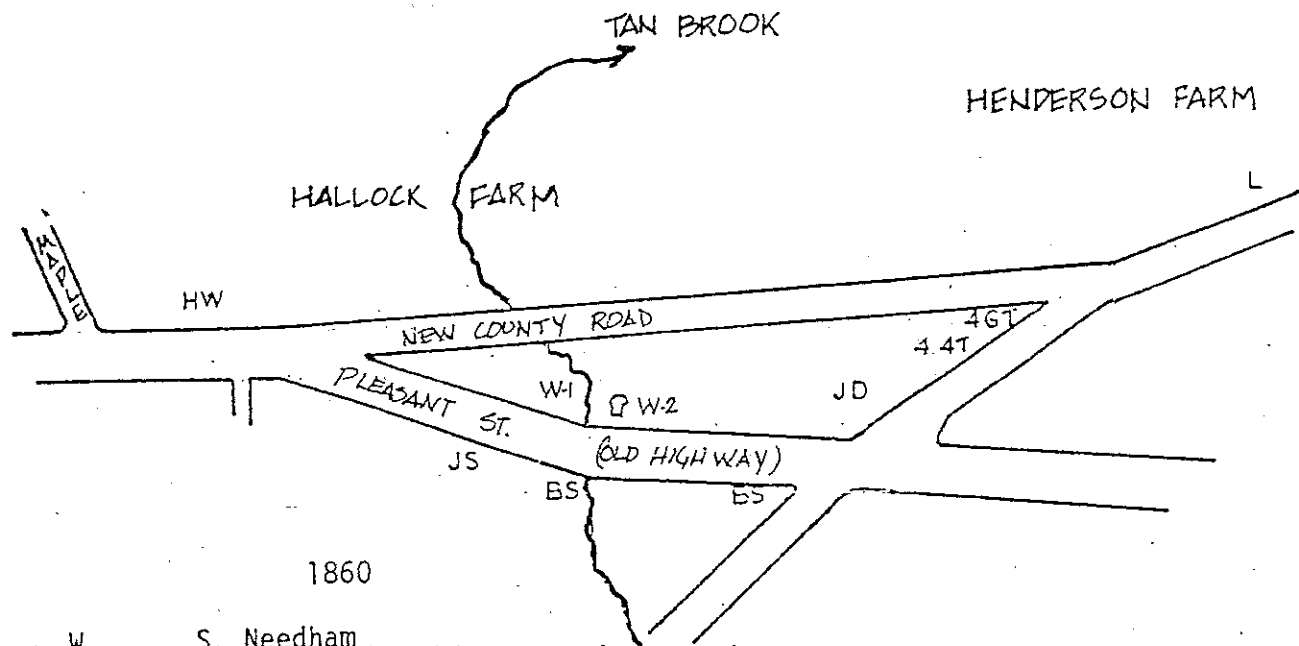


W1	E. Needham
W2	L. Sweetser
⬢	Elm Tree
44T	Mrs. Pierce
46T	J. White
L	H. Henderson
JS	Joiner Shop
CS	Cabinet Shop
BS	Blacksmith Shop
C	I. G. Cutler
MD	Morton Dickinson

NORTH →

7581





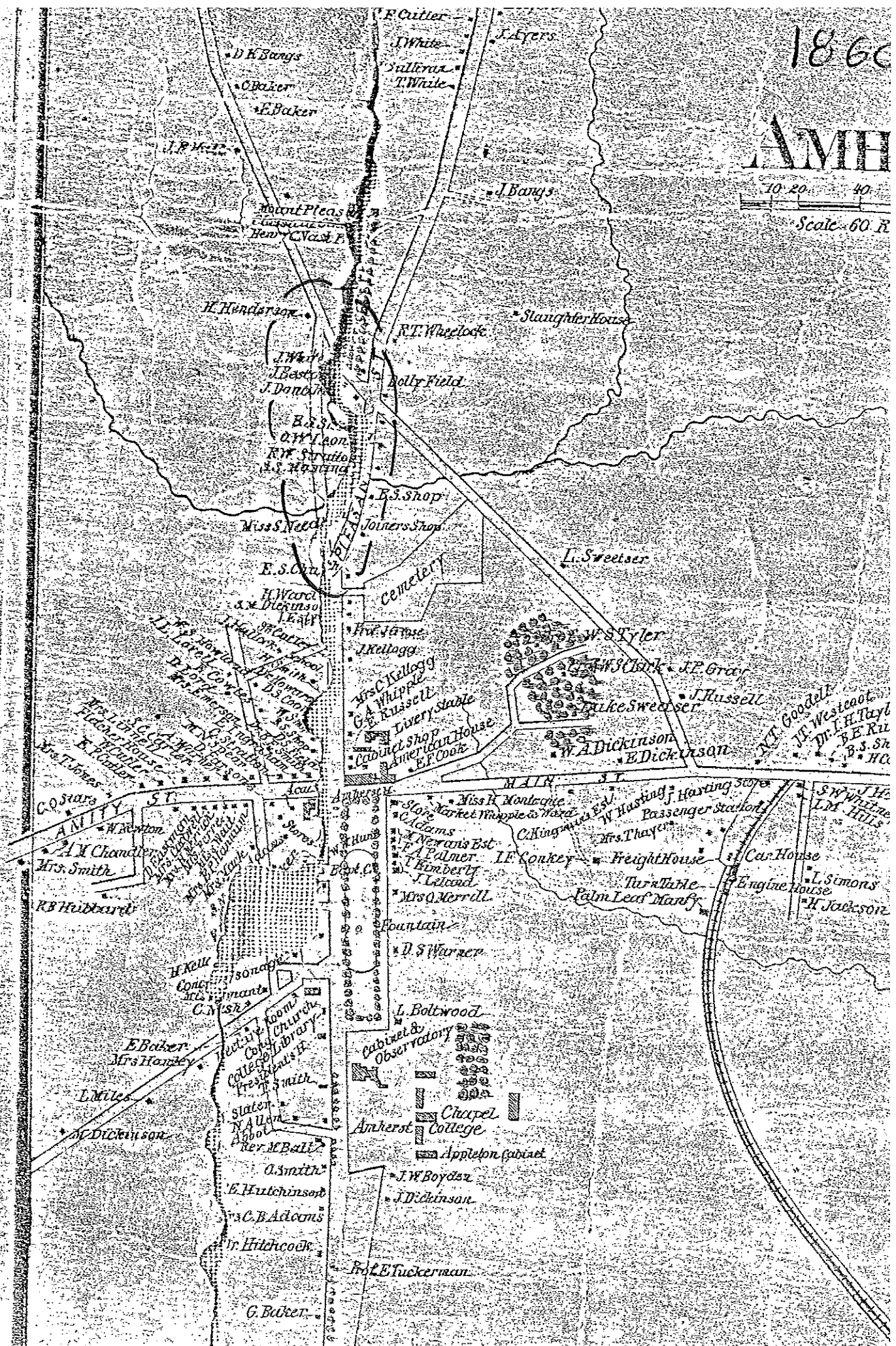
1860

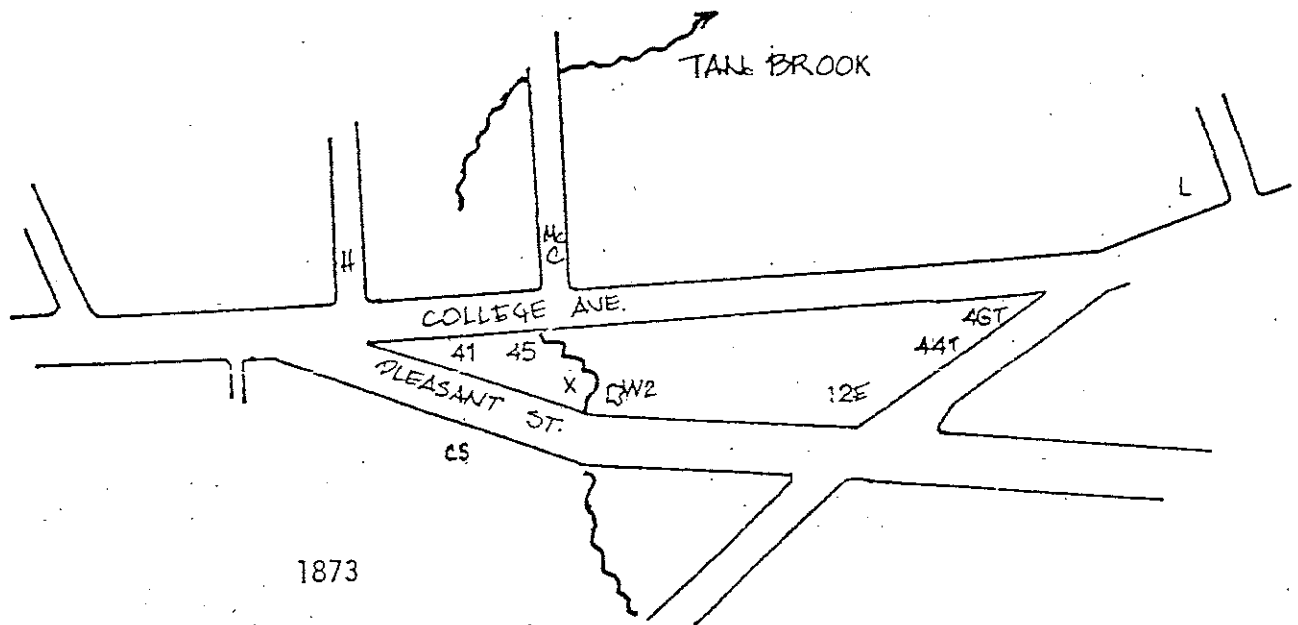
W	S. Needham
W	R. W. Stratton
⌘	Elm Tree
44T	J. Beston
46T	J. White
L	H. Henderson
JS	Joiner Shop
BS	Blacksmith Shop
HW	Horace Ward
JD	John Donahue

NORTH →

Scale 60 N

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803
928
162
172
877
819

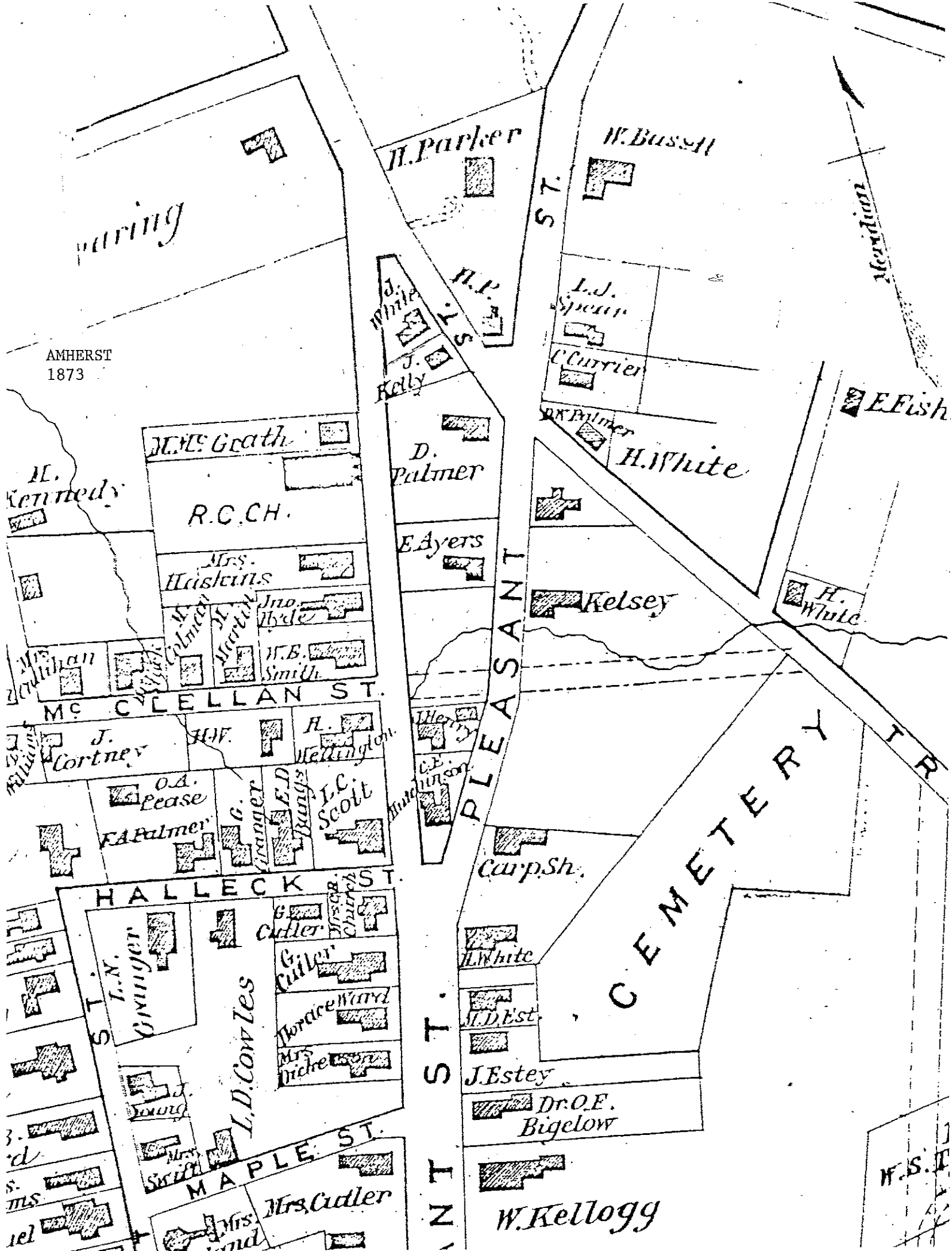


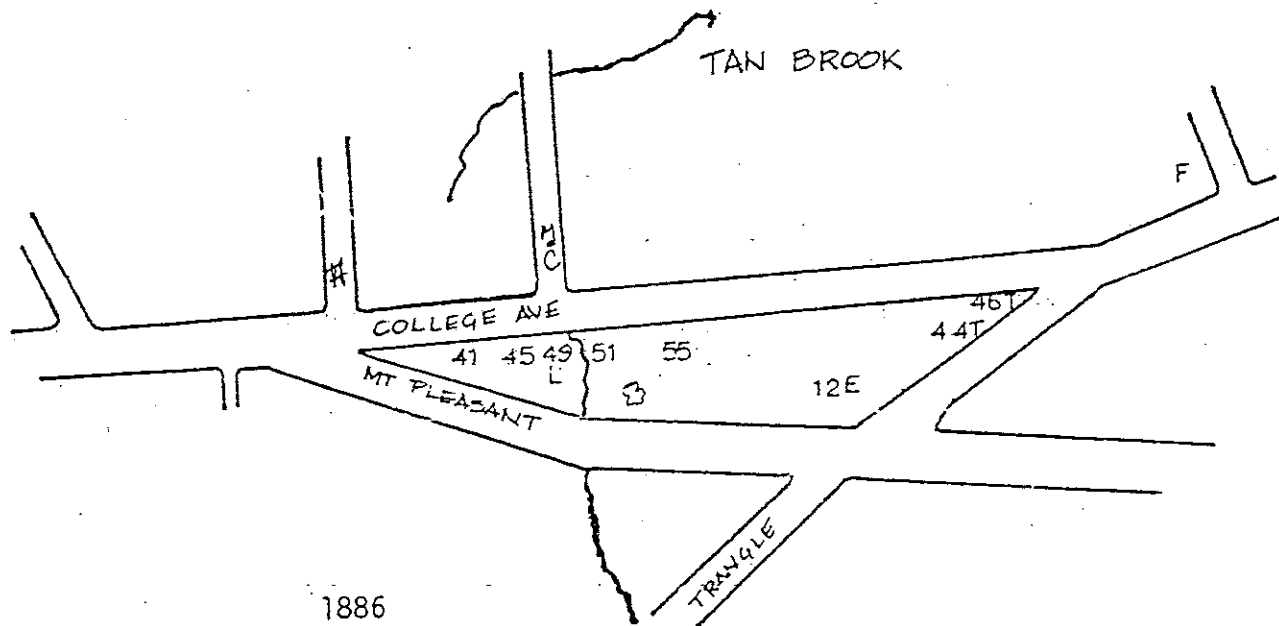


W2	E. Ayers
☼	Elm Tree
41	C. E. Hutchinson
45	J. S. Henry
12E	D. W. Palmer
44T	J. Kelley
46T	J. White
L	H. Fearing
X	Wedge Lot
CS	Carpenter Shop

NORTH →

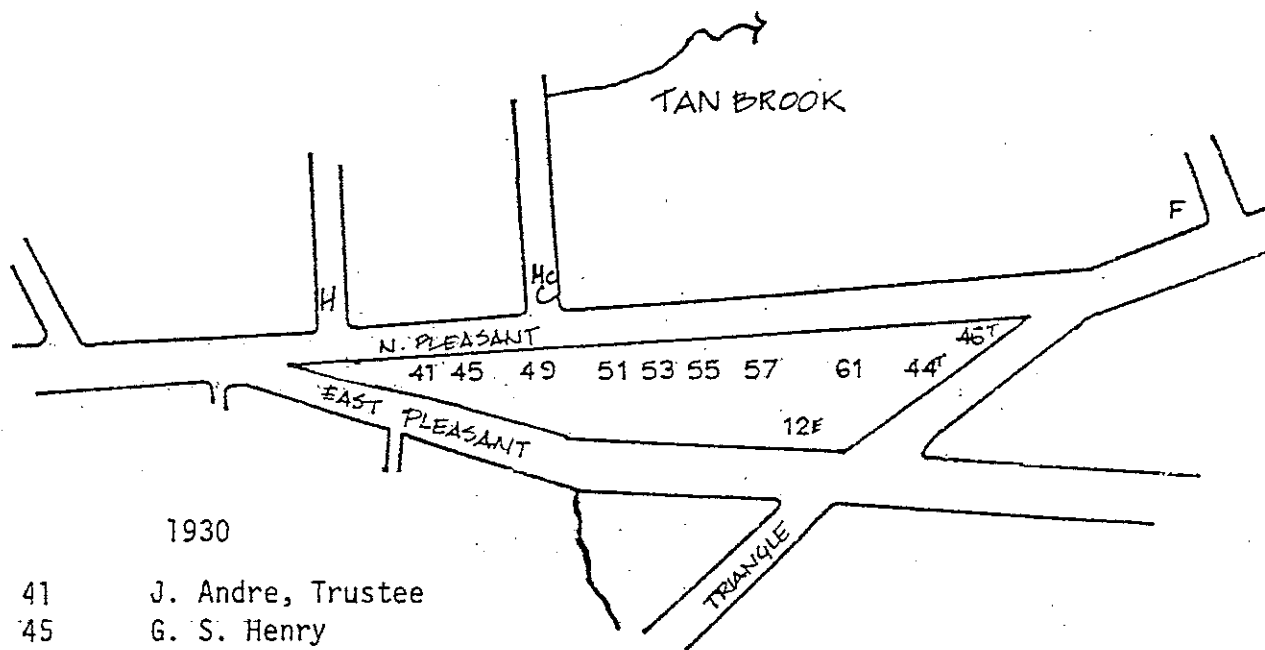
AMHERST
1873





NORTH →

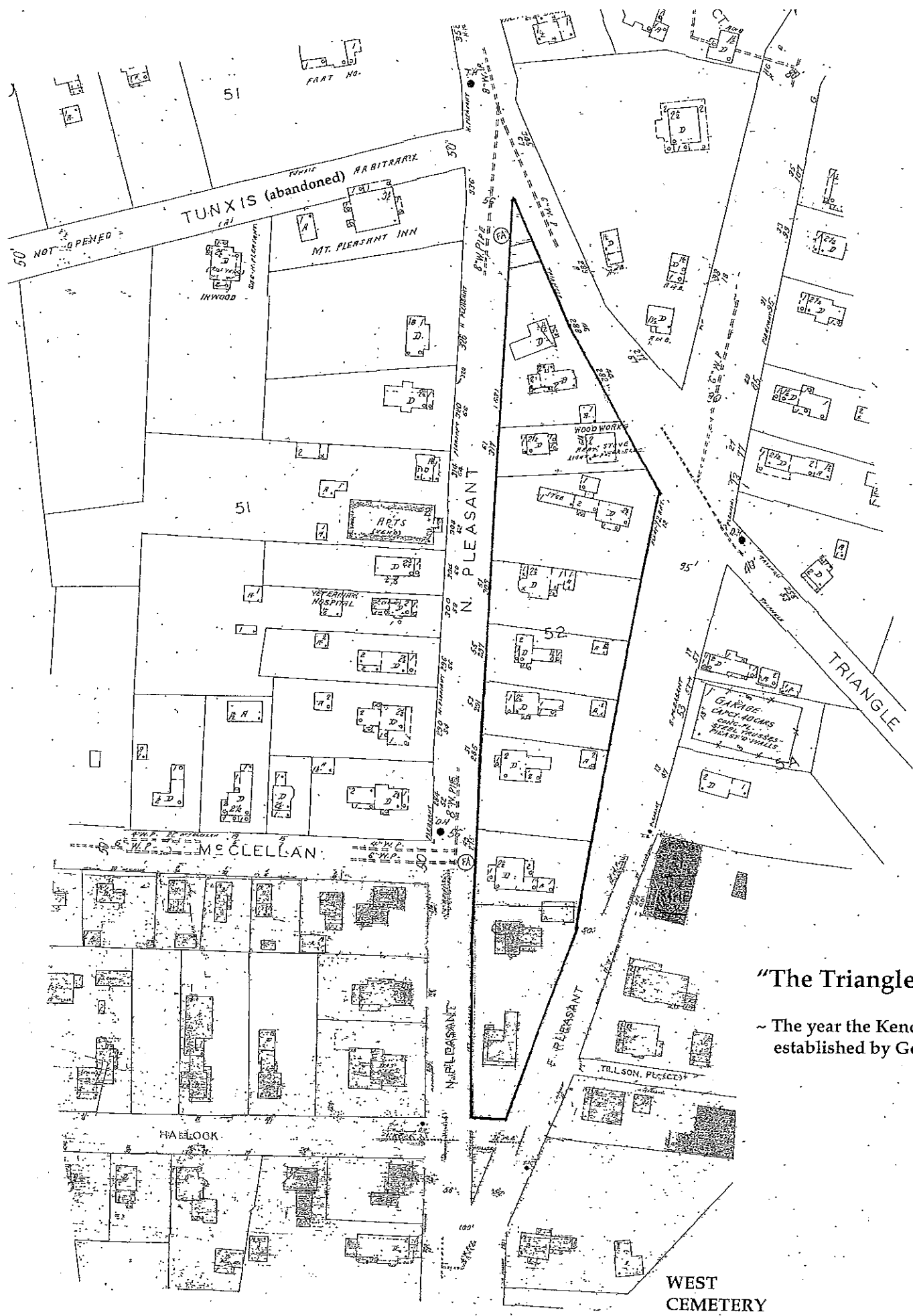
	Elm Tree
41	C. E. Hutchinson
45	J. S. Henry
L(49)	First Baptist Church
51	John Hyde
55	E. Ayres
12E	G. E. Bosworth
44T	W. G. Towne
46T	W. G. Towne
F	H. D. Fearing



1930

41	J. Andre, Trustee
45	G. S. Henry
49	J. Dudley
51	S. Hyde
53	Wm. T. Chapin
55	J. W. Hyde
57	Mrs. T. W. Smith
12E	E. Bosworth
61	E. Bosworth
44T	W. G. Towne
46T	W. G. Towne
F	H. D. Fearing

NORTH ->



"The Triangle" in 1930

~ The year the Kendrick Trust was established by George Kendrick.

KENDRICK PARK HOUSES

In 1925, when the Kendrick Trust was first conceived, the houses on the "island" between East Pleasant, North Pleasant and Triangle Streets were as listed below, proceeding from the southern end to the northern tip. Addresses given (#) are as of 1925. Plain addresses are North Pleasant Street addresses (houses facing west). An "E" following a number indicates an East Pleasant Street address (facing east), and a "T" following a number indicates a Triangle Street address (facing northeast):

#41 ~ Hutchinson House (c. 1872-73). The southernmost "point house." Built in 1872-73 by harness and trunk store owner and fireman Charles E. Hutchinson. In 1925, it was a three unit tenement owned by H.B. Ketchum. *Razed 1957.*

#45 ~ Henry House (c. 1872). Occupied in 1925 by Mary Henry (widow of George L. Henry) and her daughters, who worked for New England Telephone & Telegraph. *Demolished November 1951.*

#49 ~ Fearing House (c. 1820?). A wooden Federal originally built prior to 1830 at what is now the corner of Fearing and North Pleasant Streets. In 1880, H.D. Fearing donated the building to the Baptist Church, which moved the house to this site to serve as a parsonage. Fearing was a local industrialist and member of the Amherst Ornamental Tree Association. He built a new house on his original house lot (corner of North Pleasant and Fearing), designed by famous architect Stanford White with landscape advice from Frederick Law Olmsted. In 1925, the former parsonage was occupied by Mary Dudley (widow of Amherst Box Co. employee James Dudley) and her daughters. *Demolished 1995.*

#51 ~ Hyde House (c. 1875). In 1925, Samuel Hyde, an optician/jeweler, was living there. *Demolished 1972 following flood damage.*

#53 ~ Chapin-Ward House (c. 1903). *Last surviving residential building on the Kendrick Trust property.* Named for the Chapin family for whom it was first built and the Ward family that last lived in it. This is one of two houses on the "island" designed by Leverett architect Roswell Field Putnam, who designed the North Amherst Library and numerous residences in the Valley. Both houses were built by George E. Bosworth, a contractor who also lived on the "island." In 1925, the Chapin-Ward House was the home of William Chapin, Vice-President of the Amherst Savings Bank (where George Kendrick was President at the time). Living four houses north of the disreputable "point house," Chapin may well have discussed it and the future park with George Kendrick. After Chapin's death in 1940, the house was purchased by Charles W. Ward, assistant cashier for the First National Bank of Amherst. His family owned the house until March 2000. A barn/garage of the same period also survives.

#55 ~ Elijah Ayres House (c. 1875). In 1925, it was occupied by J.W. Hyde, a printer for the *Amherst Record*. *Demolished 1990.*

#57 ~ Chapin-Smith House (c. 1893). The other house on the "island" designed for the Chapin family by architect Roswell Field Putnam. In 1925, it was occupied by Thomas W. Smith, Amherst's Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector. *Moved to 183 East Pleasant Street in 1980.*

#12E ~ Dwight Palmer House (c. 1863). Palmer had been a trustee of the Amherst Savings Bank, helped bring public utilities (gas, water, electricity) to Amherst, was a Selectman, and was owner of the Palmer Block, whose destruction by fire during the blizzard of 1888 cleared a downtown lot for Amherst Town Hall. The Dwight Palmer House had later been the home of George E. Bosworth, who operated a carpentry/woodworking business out of an adjacent barn near the East Pleasant/Triangle Street intersection. In 1925, it was home to his son Edwin Bosworth, who was continuing the family business. George and Edwin Bosworth built many houses on Lincoln Avenue, as well as George and Matilda Kendrick's house on Seeley Street, and the nearby Davenport Inn. *Razed 1962.*

#61 ~ Bosworth House (c. 1913). The last house built on the "island," constructed and occupied by contractor Edwin Bosworth. *Moved to 140 Fearing Street in 1979.*

#44T & #46T ~ The two Towne Houses (c. 1770? & 1800?). Located on the northern tip of the "island," both houses were built prior to 1833. One may have been the surviving colonial (cape?) home of Moses Bascomb, which appears on a 1770 map of Amherst. In 1833, the houses were occupied by a P. Holme and an S. Smith. In 1925, the family of Willis G. Towne, agent for the Amherst Co-operative Association and member of the finance committee of the Amherst Club (with George Kendrick), lived in both houses. *Razed 1962.*